



METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Bob Ferguson
District 2

Dear Friend,

In January, I sent out the first District 2 survey. The nine questions asked District 2 residents for their opinions on a wide range of issues – from transportation fixes to human services funding. When the survey was first envisioned, I hoped to receive back 500 to 700 surveys.

I was surprised to receive back more than 2,500 surveys! If you filled out a survey and returned it to me – thank you! If you're hearing about the survey for the first time, you can check out the questions in the on-line version of the January District 2 newsletter.

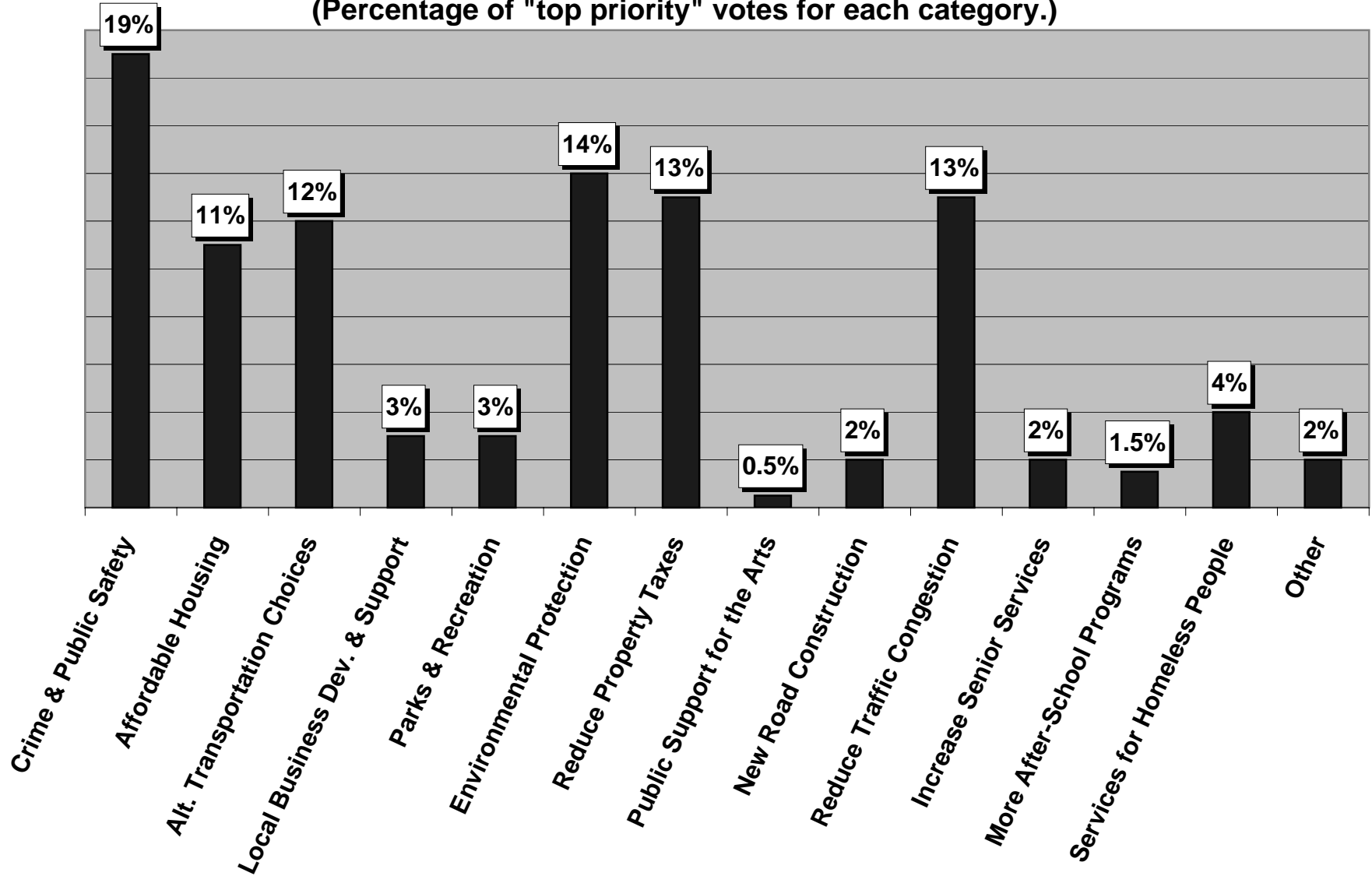
In general, responses to the survey show that many residents of District 2 are savvy commuters; they care about better funding for human services; and they would like to see a leaner King County Council. The following charts and graphs show the percentage responses for each question. The questions are atop each chart. Some questions are abridged from the original in the survey, but you can check out all the questions at the link above. If you have questions or thoughts you would like to share about these questions and responses, please call me at 296-1002 or e-mail me at bob.ferguson@metrokc.gov.

I'll use the information gathered from the survey to better represent you on the King County Council.

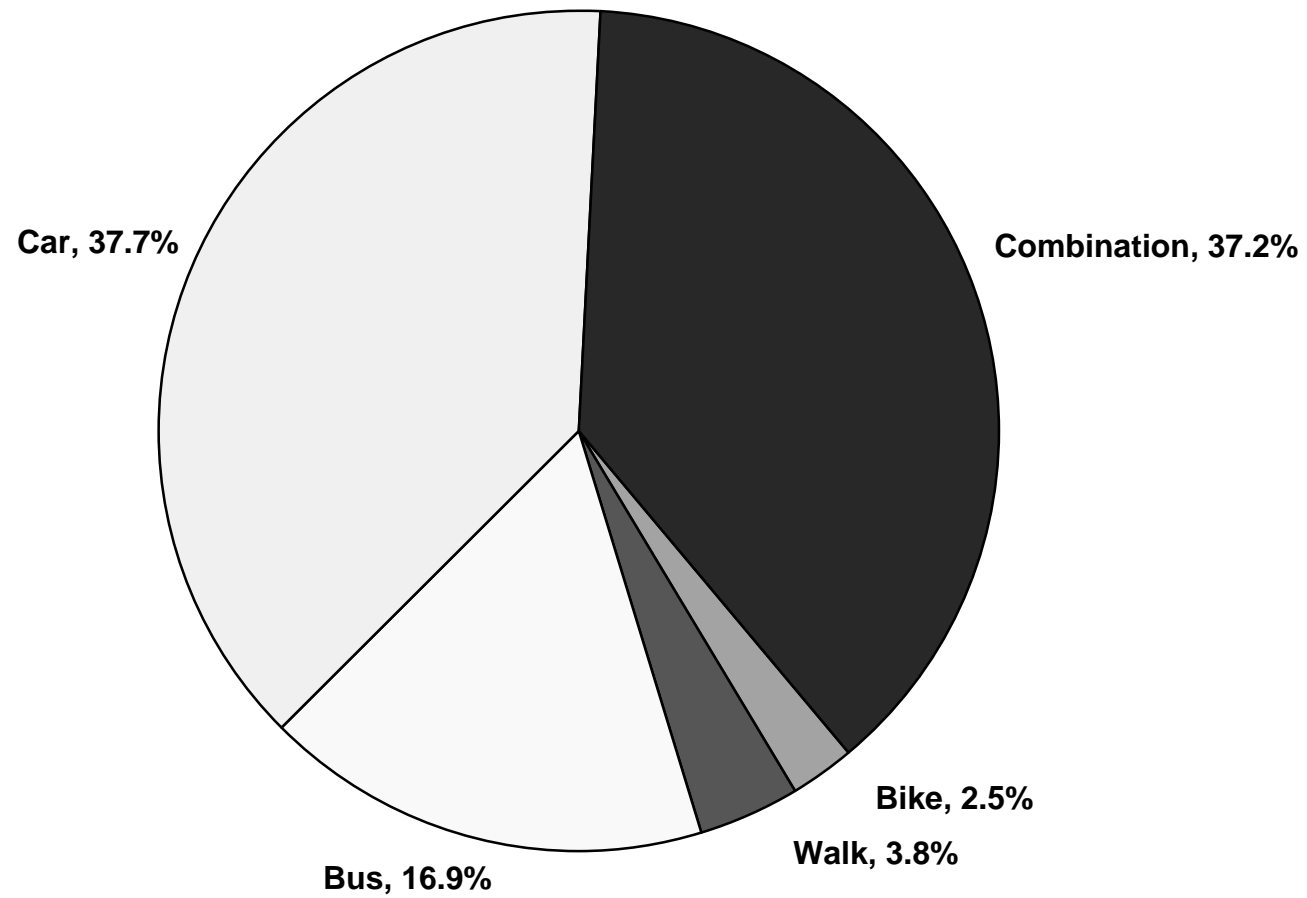
Sincerely,

Bob Ferguson
King County Councilmember, District 2

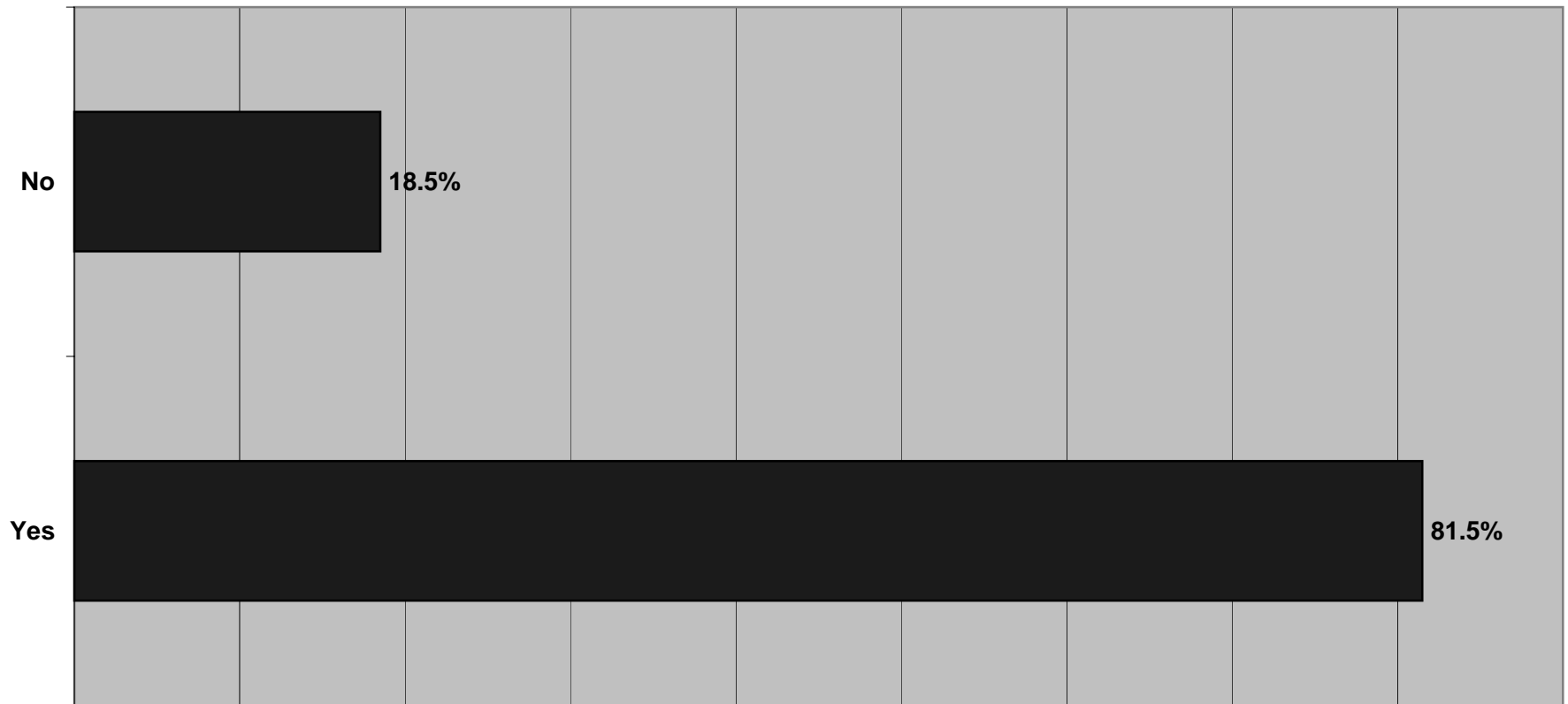
Please rank issues affecting our community.
(Percentage of "top priority" votes for each category.)



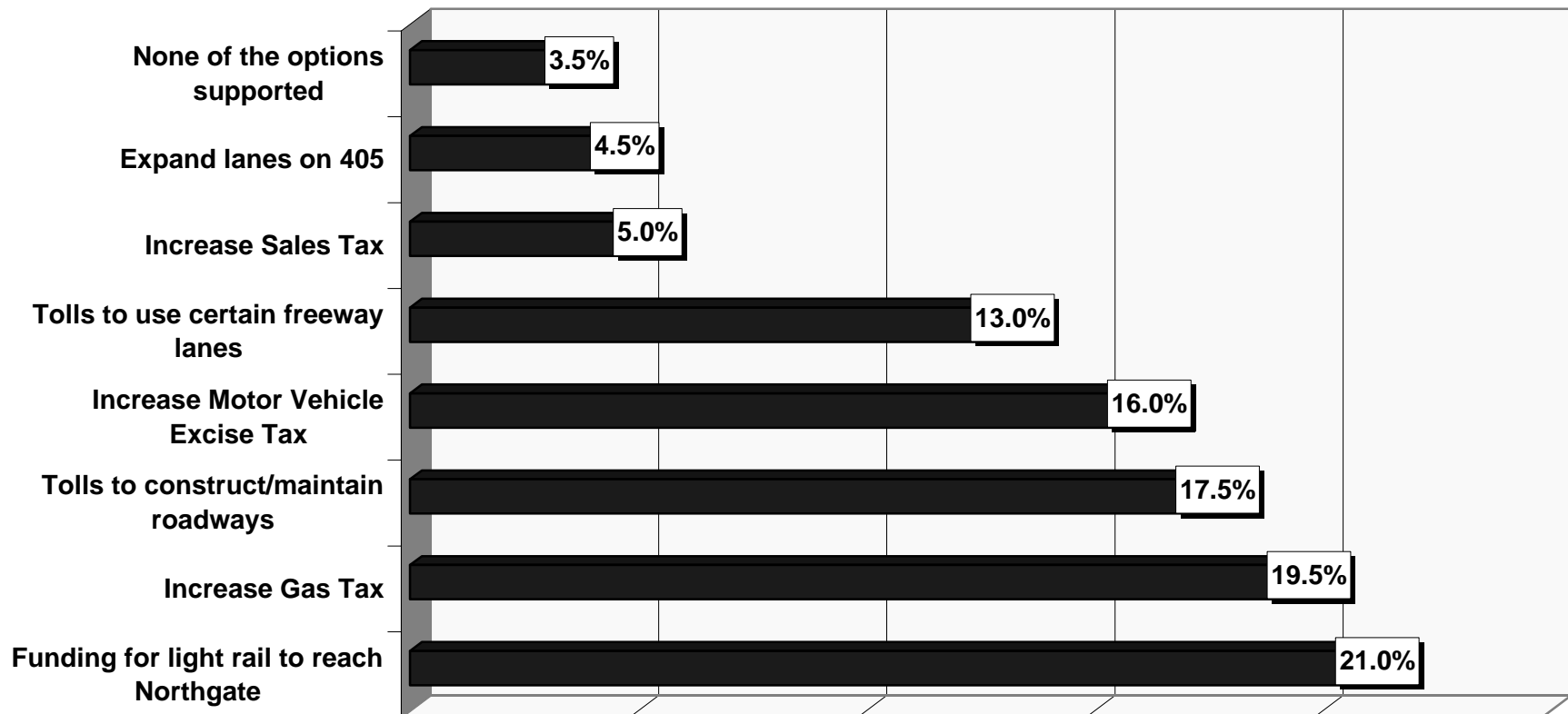
**If you work outside your home or go to school, how do you get to school/work?
(for those respondents that commute)**



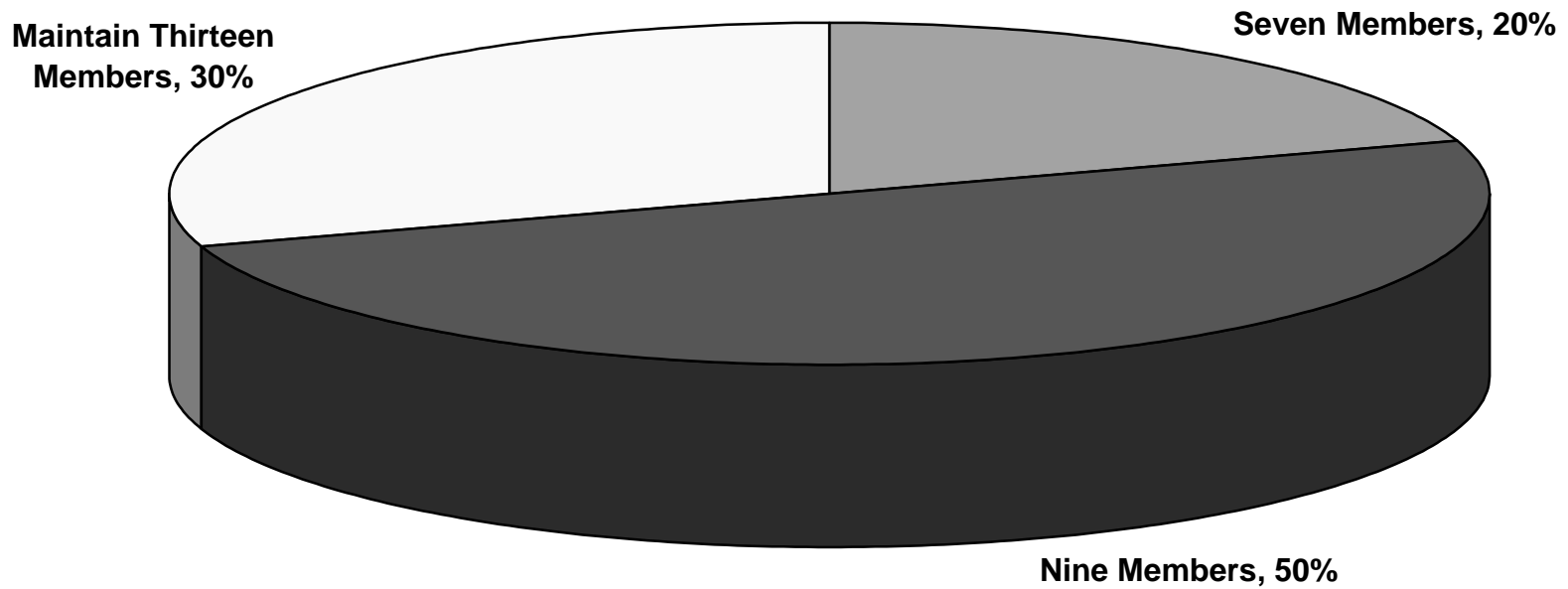
**Do you consider your current commute time reasonable?
(for those respondents that commute)**



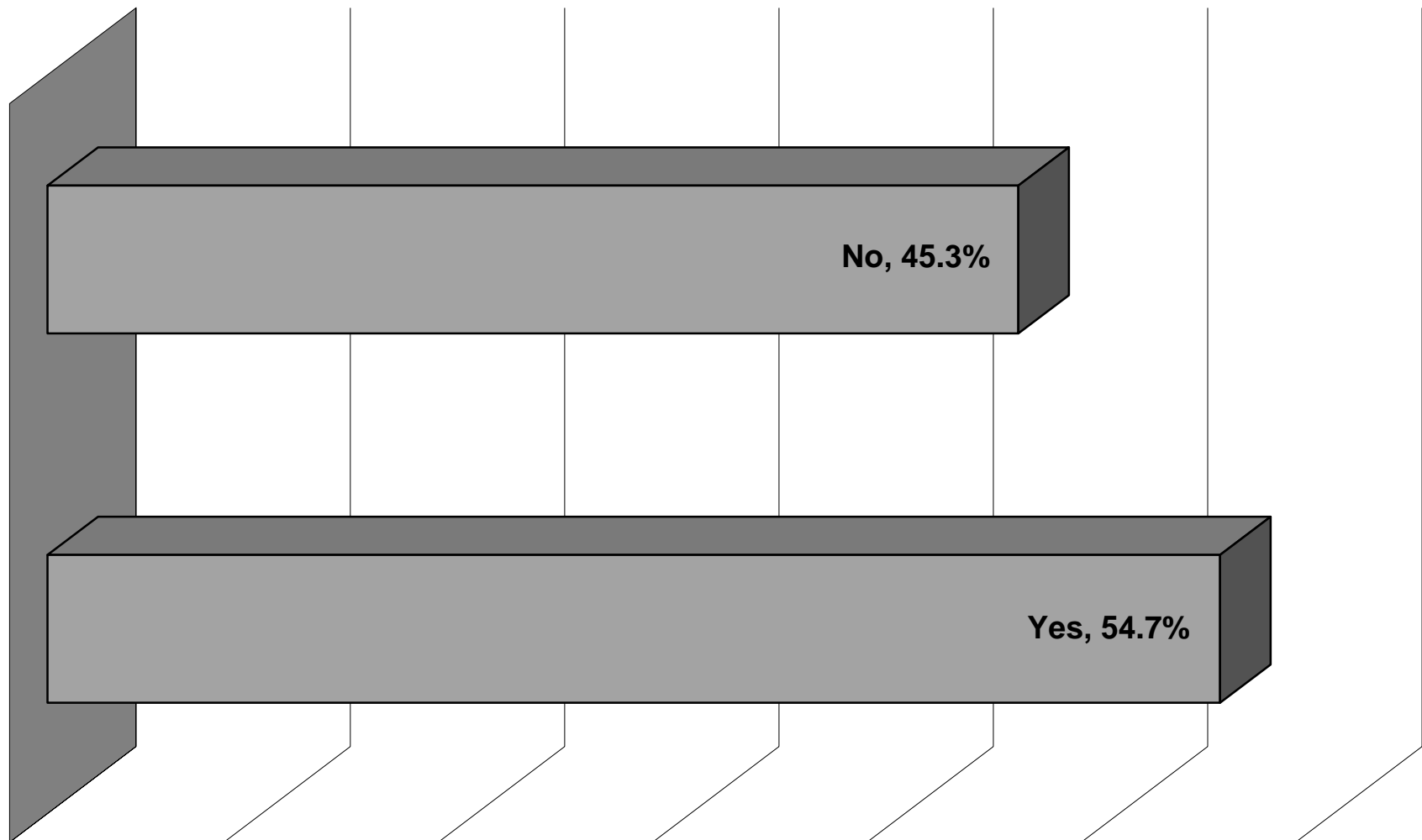
A measure funding replacement or repairs for the 520 bridge and the Alaskan Way Viaduct; expansion of 405; and extension of Sound Transit's Link Light Rail may come before voters in the next year. Which would you support?



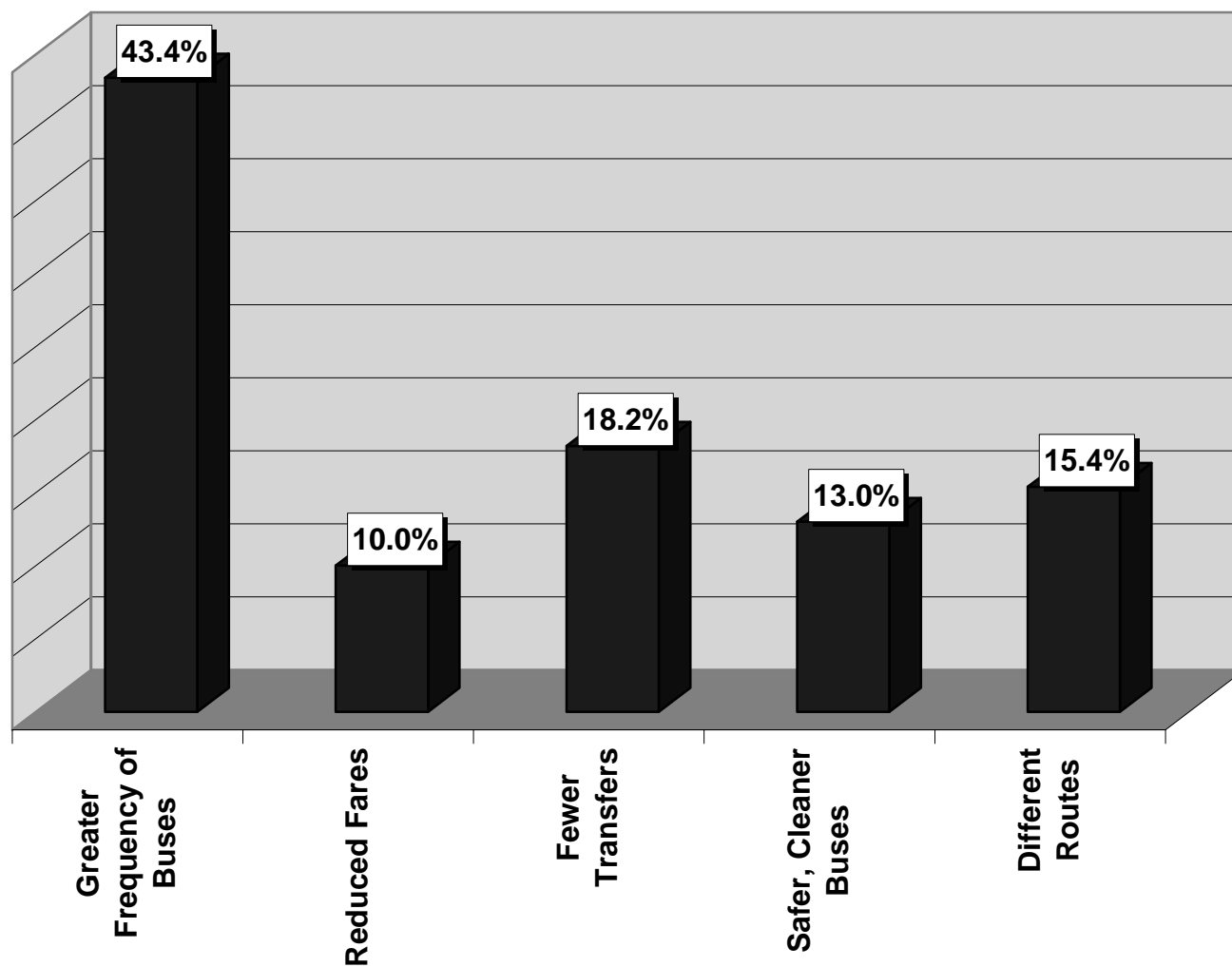
Which of the following best describes your position (regarding the ideal size of the King County Council)?



Would you support a special King County tax dedicated to funding human services?



What is the the most important way that Metro can improve bus service for you and your family?



Issue	Percentage	Respondents
Crime & Public Safety	19	201
Affordable Housing	11	118
Alt. Transportation Choices	12	124
Local Business Dev. & Support	3	31
Parks & Recreation	3	31
Environmental Protection	14	146
Reduce Property Taxes	13	139
Public Support for the Arts	0.5	6
New Road Construction	2	21
Reduce Traffic Congestion	13	139
Increase Senior Services	2	17
More After-School Programs	1.5	17
Services for Homeless People	4	41
Other	2	19
	100	1050

Commute Option	Percentage	Respondents
Carpool	1.9%	15
Bike	2.5%	20
Walk	3.8%	30
Bus	16.9%	134
Car	37.7%	300
Combination	37.2%	296
	98.1%	780

Ways to Improve Metro Transit	Percentage	Respondents
Greater Frequency of Buses	43.4%	290
Reduced Fares	10.0%	67
Fewer Transfers	18.2%	122
Safer, Cleaner Buses	13.0%	87
Different Routes	15.4%	103
	100.0%	669

Reasonable Commute Time	Percentage	Respondents
Yes	81.5%	604
No	18.5%	137
	100.0%	741

Options Supported to Fund Trans	Percentage	Respondents
Funding for light rail to reach Nort	21.0%	588
Increase Gas Tax	19.5%	560
Tolls to construct/maintain roadw	17.5%	506
Increase Motor Vehicle Excise Ta	16.0%	458
Tolls to use certain freeway lanes	13.0%	402
Increase Sales Tax	5.0%	145
Expand lanes on 405	4.5%	129
None of the options supported	3.5%	101
	100.0%	2889

Size of King County Council	Percentage	Respondents
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Seven Members	20%	183
Nine Members	50%	461
Maintain Thirteen Members	30%	275
	100%	919

Special Human Services Funding Percentage	Respondents	
Yes	54.7%	509
No	45.3%	421
	100.0%	930